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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Refugees of Kampuchea (Cambodia)

79388/1 Massive food aid for the people of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) will be needed at least until January 1981. Priorities in addition to food are seed rice and health care services. The children are among the most tragic sufferers. Some 80 percent of the children of that land are said to be suffering from the severest form of malnutrition. The problems are compounded by an extreme shortage of professional and educated persons; there are only 55 doctors for the entire country. Episcopalians can help relieve the suffering by giving generously to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (with check marked "Cambodian Relief"), 815 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017.

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#79388/2 Almost no food is being grown or produced in Kampuchea (Cambodia) with the result that as many as 2.5 million people or more face death from starvation unless massive aid is sent to that country. Most people are living on about 4.5 ounces of rice per day, less than 1/3 of the average quota in Southeast Asia. The food deficit of the entire country between August and December, 1979, is about 350,000 tons of milled rice. The population of Kampuchea has been reduced from more than 8 million persons in 1970 to the present 4 to 5 million. Only 20 to 30 percent of the remaining adult population is male; most of the adult females are widows. The Episcopal Church, through Church World Service and other agencies, has helped distribute medical equipment and supplies, mosquito netting, clothing, and soap, and tons of rice and milk powder. The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has called on Church members to give generously to a special appeal for the refugees. Contributions may be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (with check marked "Cambodian Relief"), 815 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017. (Photo Credit: American Friends Service Committee).

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79388/3 Cambodians are not only experiencing a severe shortage of food; there is also lack of adequate transportation, communication and educational systems. There are virtually no telephones, books, medical supplies, machines and other aspects of modern civilization. With the reported demolition of hospitals, schools, water supply and sanitary systems, a program of relief and development that focuses on nutritional needs and public health has been projected by Church World Service and other U.S. voluntary agencies. The Episcopal Church joins the world community in its all-out effort to provide people-to-people assistance to meet the desperate needs of the Cambodians. Episcopalians who wish to help rebuild the country and provide relief for the starving and disease-ridden Cambodians, may send contributions to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief -- with checks marked "Cambodian Relief" -- 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. (Photo Credit: Oxfam America).

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